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WAR IN SOUTH.
GEN. TANG TO DEFEND HAINAN.
HELP FROM WU PEI-FU?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
 Hoihow, Dec. 8.

General Tang Pen-yan (Tang Pan-yan) returned to Hoihow last Sunday. He brought with him a guard of soldiers but left his main force in Luichow. After his arrival he called together his local officials and told them he had received a letter from General Wu Pei-fu in which he promised to come to the help of General Tang if he would hold Hainan and Luichow for three months. It is reported that General Tang has stored three months' supply of rice in Luichow and will do his best to hold that place and Hainan Island until General Wu Pei-fu brings his Northern soldiers to assist him to drive the "Red" Army away. At present we hear that there is no fighting in Luichow. General Tang controls all of Hainan Island in the sense that there is no other government here. Robbers are increasing daily and hold-ups cease to be news. The motor cars must have soldier guards to go into the country and on the Kachek Road all the cars keep together for protection.

A British gunboat was in the harbour this week for a few days and the American "Sacramento" is expected to-morrow. General Tang has a Chinese gunboat in the harbour to prevent the "Reds" landing soldiers in Hainan.

[Note:—The balance of our correspondent's message will appear to-morrow.]

AFTER 37 YEARS.
FORMER POLICE OFFICER'S VISIT.
SURPRISED AT CHANGES.

An interesting visitor who arrived in the Colony by the "Empress of Canada" last week and left two days later on the s.s. "Chungking" for Australia was Mr. J. A. Fowler, a veteran police officer.

This gentleman has a unique record of police service. Joining the Glasgow Constabulary at the age of 17, he served for two years, and left that position for an appointment in the Hongkong Police in 1888. Owing to ill-health he was obliged to return to his native place (Nairn, Scotland) in 1888, which was two years before Mr. J. Kerr, who recently left on retirement, joined the Force.

Police work held a peculiar fascination for Mr. Fowler, for as soon as he had regained his health in the quiet atmosphere of his native place he left for Australia where he joined the New South Wales Constabulary, rising to the position of Detective Inspector in the finger-print department and retiring on pension in November last year on attaining his sixtieth year after 37 years' service in Sydney. He has therefore to his credit 44 years of service as a police officer.

On the present occasion Mr. Fowler has been in Scotland visiting his aged mother preparatory to spending his retirement with his family in Australia. For this purpose he has purchased a country house situated in charming surroundings.

During his brief stay in Hongkong, Mr. Fowler took the opportunity of visiting the scenes of his former labours. At Stanley, Pokfulam, Bay View, Teat Tse Mui, and Shaikwan stations there appeared to be no change since he was last here. The Central Police Station buildings were quite new to him, and he was much impressed by the wonderful expansion which has taken place in building and reclamation work. There was something new wherever he turned on the present prays which had in his time been a portion of the harbour. In those days there were no New Territories to look after, and he was interested and surprised at the developments which had taken place here.

Mr. Fowler made many new friends and took away with him many impressions of his short and interesting visit to Hongkong.

PEACE MOVES.
AN OFFICIAL DELEGATE WANTED.
YULETIDE SETTLEMENT?

Referred to as Canton's special investigator for Hongkong and Macao, Mr. Yeung Sai-ngam returned by the s.s. "Honam" from Canton yesterday and much light has been thrown on the strike mediation position.

It has been reported that Mr. Yeung called on H.E. the Governor (the Hon. Mr. C. Clementi, C.M.G.) during his last visit and that he is the bearer this time of a despatch from the Canton officials to His Excellency.

Mr. Yeung is expected to return to Canton in a few days. The "Wah Tsz Yai Po" hints that he may subsequently go to Macao.

Travelling with Mr. Yeung was Mr. Kan Kum-shek who is already well-known to the Hongkong public.

After being met by leading local merchants, Messrs. Yeung and Kan were addressed by Press representatives.

Emphasising that he was speaking as an individual and in some instances quoting Mr. Wong Ching-wai (chairman of the Political Council), Mr. Kan said, inter alia:—

"Mr. Wong eagerly hopes that the settlement of the (labour) strike will have been affected by Christmas, as further delay will mean untold losses to the trade of both ports.

Canton is even more desirous than Hongkong to bring about an end to the strike.

The Canton Government desires Hongkong to appoint a Government delegate, of which more anon.

The time taken in selecting a merchant delegate for Canton has been due to the enthusiasm of the four Chambers all desiring to be actively represented in work for the common good. Three labour delegates have also been appointed.

Canton specially welcomes the "observation" or "fraternal" party from Hongkong and a reception committee has been appointed.

The visit of the Hongkong visitors to Canton may be construed as the first step towards the resumption of communications as a splendid opportunity will be provided in movements towards resumption.

"I have not heard that the former terms (of settlement) will be insisted upon nor that eight fresh terms have been added. We have previously interviewed Mr. Wong on the subject and he gave us to understand that the terms will only relate to the workmen."

THE NOBLE ART.
SOME LOCAL BOXING SUGGESTIONS.
H.K.B.A., PLEASE NOTE.

Chief Petty Officer "Jim" Cartledge, the lightweight champion of the Colony, gives further views on the proposed contest between Stoker Morris, the "Hermes" welterweight, and himself. Jim's letter appears in full in the sports section (page nine).

Cartledge, inter alia, names his terms, alternatively, for a championship bout with Stoker Morris of H.M.S. "Hawkins," and a catchweight fight with Able Seaman Ewin (H.M.S. "Hermes"), the welterweight champion of Hongkong.

Emerson, another lightweight, desires a return match with Baker.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.
NAVY SET A HARD TASK.

The Army set the Navy a hard task on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club to-day when they batted all the morning and afternoon, compiling 302.

Went Morris batted lastly for 45 and was dismissed, caught by the first ball from Capt. Lane, a new bowler.

Major Hargreaves Smith compiled 55, falling to a very fine catch by Capt. Lane.

Capt. Lane, who was in the first innings, was dismissed for 27 and Capt. Lane.

HUSBAND LIABLE?
MR. HIND AND HIS WIFE'S PURCHASES.
RESPONSIBILITY DENIED.

INTERESTING HONGKONG TEST CASE.

An interesting and important case involving the liability of a husband in respect of goods ordered by his wife was heard in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood, plaintiffs being Messrs. Lammert Bros., auctioneers, of Duddell Street, and defendant, Mr. W. B. Hind, solicitor.

In the capacity of counsel for himself Mr. Hind cross-examined witness for the plaintiffs, abandoned his gown and entered the witness box on behalf of himself as defendant, re-donned his gown and finally addressed His Honour as counsel again.

Lammert Bros. sued for \$218.75, price of goods purchased on April 14 and June 5, it being stated in the course of the case that Mrs. Hind attended the sales in person and although the terms were cash in the ordinary way she was allowed to have the goods taken away on condition that payment would be made shortly after.

The goods were purchased in the name of Hind, there being nothing to signify whether they were bought for Mr. or Mrs. Hind.

Mr. Hind's case was that goods had been supplied to his wife and were not necessities; she was at the time sufficiently supplied with furniture, he claimed, and the object for purchasing the goods was to furnish another flat.

After Mr. L. W. Lammert had given evidence of the purchases, Mr. Hind went into the box. At the time of the purchases, he stated, he was living with Mrs. Hind at 4, Ley's Buildings, in a furnished flat of four rooms, one of which was used as a store-room on account of their having previously moved from a six-roomed house on the other side and in consequence having a superfluity of furniture. He knew nothing of the furniture being bought until after its purchase. He had not authorised its purchase. His wife told him she had bought it to furnish another flat in King's Place which she intended to re-let to make money.

Mr. Hind's Objection.

Mr. Hind told His Honour that he explained to his wife that he objected both to the purchase of the furniture and the intended letting of the flat. His wife replied that it had nothing whatever to do with him.

His Honour: Were you at the time living with your wife?

Mr. Hind: Yes.

His Honour: Did you write to the auctioneers, disclaiming responsibility for payment?

Mr. Hind: No.

Mr. Hind added that he made his wife "an allowance for joint household expenses."

Cross-examined by Mr. H. J. Armstrong (for plaintiffs), Mr. Hind said that if his wife had purchased this furniture she would in the ordinary way have paid it out of this allowance. When the flat in Ley's Building had been furnished the furniture purchased was mostly paid out of this allowance. It was paid for at the time in cash, he thought.

Mr. Armstrong: Has your wife private means?

Mr. Hind: Yes.

Mr. Armstrong: In the shape of an income?

Mr. Hind: Yes, but I don't know how much.

Mr. Hind then reverted to the position of a witness on his own behalf as defendant and addressing His Honour stated that from the law text books under which he claimed that it was clear that the goods were not necessary, and he as husband was not bound to pay for them.

Mr. Armstrong referred to the practice of a defendant wife to go to the auction rooms. She was well known to the plaintiffs. They did not know if she had private means, he submitted that in the circumstances of the case any credit given to her was also given to her husband, and that Mr. Hind was liable for the purchase of the furniture.

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TO-DAY'S WEDDING.
INTERESTING CATHEDRAL CEREMONY.
BOOTH—FORBES.

An interesting wedding, attended by the heads of the police department, Peak and other residents, took place at St. John's Cathedral at 3.30 this afternoon.

The bridegroom was Mr. L. H. V. Booth, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, son of the late Mr. L. W. Booth, C.M.G. (formerly of the Ceylon Civil Service) and Mrs. Booth; the bride was Miss Marjorie Forbes, daughter of Mr. Andrew Forbes, very well known in Hongkong, now resident at Home, and Mrs. Forbes.

Mrs. L. G. Scott attended the bride, the services of bridesmaids being dispensed with.

Lieut. Riddell, of H.M.S. "Titanic," acted as best man.

Mr. D. Burlingham, D.S.P., gave the bride away.

DISMISSED!
SENTENCE ON ARMY CAPTAIN.
LOCAL COURT MARTIAL.

"Dismissed from the service" is the sentence on Captain Eric Sutton Dickin, Army Dental Corps, who was tried by General Court Martial at the Command Reference Library, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, on September 29.

Command Orders, issued yesterday state:—

Captain E. S. Dickin, Army Dental Corps, was found guilty of the charge of "Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline" in rendering himself unfit for duty by reason of previous indulgence in alcoholic stimulants, by a General Court Martial, and was sentenced to be dismissed from His Majesty's Service.

The sentence was duly confirmed by His Majesty, The King.

Colonel C. Russell-Brown, D.S.O., R.E. (the present acting G.O.C.), was President. Other members of the Court comprised Lieut.-Col. F. S. Montague-Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (1/East Surreys), Lieut.-Col. G. F. S. Tuke, D.S.O., R.A., Lieut.-Col. E. E. B. Mackintosh, D.S.O., R.E., Major W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith, D.S.O., R.A., Major F. G. Hyland, M.C., R.E.

Major R. S. S. Paton (1/East Surreys) was Judge Advocate and Captain C. J. F. Bénéley, R.A., prosecuted.

Mr. L. D. Turner (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master), defended. At the conclusion of the trial he was complimented by the President for the ability with which he conducted his case in a first appearance as Court Martial counsel.

In April next year, said Mr. Turner, in his address, Captain Dickin would be entitled to a gratuity of £1,000 from the Army. If he was dismissed or cashiered, not only would his name be tarnished, not only would there be a possibility of his being struck off the general register, but the Court now sitting would also fine him £1,000. He pleaded with the Court for any possible doubt for the accused and asked for a considerate verdict.

Captain Bénéley, in reading out the accused's details of service, said that he had served eight years.

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MUKDEN POSITION.
KUO SUNG-LING SLOWLY ADVANCING.
LITTLE FORTING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, December 8.

Kuo Sung-ling's troops are advancing slowly. The main body is still at Chinchow, but the advance guards are approaching Liaooho.

Japanese gendarmes are assisting the police at Mukden, where some public protests and looting is feared.

The Kuomintang troops have withdrawn to Peitsung. Apparently there has been no fighting or very little.

There were no trains to-day between Peking and Tientsin, and no locomotives at Chienmen station.

Li Ching-shin is reported to have taken personal command of the troops near Manchang. He claims to have defeated two brigades of the second Kuomintang at Tzayaho and one brigade at Tacheng.

EARLIER CABLES.

Tokyo, December 8.

This morning's Cabinet Council decided against despatching reinforcements to Manchuria. Foreign Office advices state that three hundred railway guards from Liaoyang were sent to Mukden yesterday as a precaution and also state that Mukden Japanese residents have closed their shops and offices as they fear looting by the defeated troops.

Tokyo, December 8.

Owing to the theatre of hostilities approaching the Japanese defence zone the War Office announces the "text" of a communication which the Commander of the Japanese Kwangtung Army expects to send simultaneously to the rival Chinese commanders fighting in Manchuria. After emphasising Japan's strict non-interference policy hitherto, he gives a warning that if hostilities in the railway zone or in adjacent districts jeopardise Japanese lives or property, Japanese troops may be constrained to act.

PRICES EASIER.
RUBBER MARKET LESS EXCITED.
(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 8.

On the Stock Exchange, rubber showed less excitement to-day, and prices were decidedly easier, chiefly due to profit taking, but there is no pronounced weakness or selling pressure.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received cable from Singapore intimating that the Rubber market is now a little stronger and quoting the following sales at Hongkong:—

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2nd class	1.15

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Capital \$5,000,000 divided into 500,000 Shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 110,000 were subscribed for cash on the incorporation of the Company by the two Promoters, the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater and James Harper Taggart, as to 15,000 each, and by the Directors, the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Very Reverend Father Leon Robert, Robert Gordon Shewan, John Scott Harston and James Harper Taggart as to 10,000 shares each.

On these \$3.50 per share (being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon) was paid on allotment and the balance (\$7.50 per share) will be paid when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

140,000 shares credited as fully paid up and ranking for dividend as from the 1st July, 1925, have been allotted to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, in pursuance of the Agreement (hereinafter called "the Purchase Agreement") dated the 29th day of May, 1925, made between the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, of the one part and James Harper Taggart on behalf of the above Company of the other part.

The remaining 250,000 shares, to rank for dividend from the 1st day of January, 1926, on the nominal amount from time to time paid up thereon but in all other respects equally with those already subscribed are now offered for public subscription. \$3.50 per share is payable on application, being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon. The balance due on each share, namely \$7.50, will not be called up at present but is to be called up on subsequent demand as and when capital is required.

In allotting shares the Directors will, if there are sufficient applications from bona fide residents in the Colony of Hongkong, allot shares to such applicants only, and they will also pay due regard to the applications of telephone subscribers.

Directors.

The Hon. Sir Catchick Paul Chater, Marble Hall, Victoria, Hongkong. Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. Percy Hobson Holyoak, of Messrs. Holyoak, Massey and Co., Ltd., Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, of the Bank of East Asia, Limited, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.

The Hon. Mr. Robert Hormus Kotewall, of China Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Very Reverend Father Leon Robert, of Missions Etrangères, Victoria, Hongkong, Missionary.

Robert Gordon Shewan, of St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

John Scott Harston, of Prince's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.

James Harper Taggart, of Victoria, Hongkong, Managing Director of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

In pursuance of the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, and the Oriental Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, or either of these Companies, so long as these Companies or either of them hold in their own right not less than 100,000 fully paid up shares in the above Company are to have the right of nominating two Directors of the Company provided such Nominated Directors are bona fide residents of Hongkong. The first nominated Directors, (nominated by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited), are the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. J. H. Taggart.

Bankers.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong.

Auditors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Victoria, Hongkong, Accountants.

Solicitors.

Messrs. Deacon, Victoria, Hongkong.

Registered Office, 10, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

Acting Secretary, A. L. Terry, A.C.I.S.

(1) The Company was formed on the 24th June, 1925, for the purpose of taking over the undertaking in Hongkong of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, who was the Vendor thereof and whose Registered Office is situated at Alderman House, Alderman Walk, Bishopsgate, London, England. The material terms of the bargain are set forth in the Purchase Agreement as follows:—

(2) The Vendor Company will sell and the Hongkong Company will purchase as at the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five the said Telephone business and the whole of the undertaking in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof as a going concern (with the benefit of all assets there situated but exclusive of the net profits, investments, cash in hand and in the Bank and debts due to the Vendor Company on the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five) of the Vendor Company but free from all "debentures, mortgages, or charges of any kind and the Vendor Company save as herein specially provided for shall pay and discharge all liabilities whatsoever incurred by the Vendor Company prior to the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five including the satisfaction of all claims in respect of staff superannuation funds bonus funds and/or other bonus payments up to and including the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five provided always and these presents are upon this express condition that the same shall be subject to the said James Harper Taggart being satisfied with the state and condition of the plant (including cables conduits, etc.) of the Vendor Company. The said phrase "the undertaking" shall be deemed to include:—

(a) The Goodwill of the Vendor Company as now carried on in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof.

(b) All the lands and buildings of the Vendor Company owned and/or leased by the Vendor Company for the purpose of its said business being the premises set out in the Schedule hereunder written subject to the rents "conditions and reservations affecting the same.

(c) All plant material stores machinery property stock in trade instruments furniture and utensils together with such books, accounts, documents, plans statistics records and reports as pertain or are necessary to the conduct in continuity of the business being the property of the Vendor Company and used by it for the purpose of its business and including spare plant and stores of all descriptions (whether actually in use or not in use) without any exception whatsoever save as hereinafter mentioned in the possession of the Vendor Company or to which it is entitled and also including works of all kinds in the course of construction without exception.

(d) The benefit of all contracts and engagements entered into by the Vendor Company in the Colony of Hongkong in relation to its said business (but excepting contracts with employees of the Vendor Company for which special provision is hereinafter made).

(e) The Vendor Company's rights and corresponding obligations in respect of the undertaking, relating to all wayleaves way and all other rights and easements enjoyed and used by the Vendor Company for the purpose of its said business.

(3) The consideration for the said sale shall be the following sums, that is to say:—
(a) The sum of \$1,155,000 (One million one hundred and fifty-five thousand Dollars, Hongkong Currency) for the plant of the Vendor Company.
(b) The landed cost to the Vendor Company of all additions made to the said plant and/or property from the First day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five to the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.
(c) The sum of \$491,385 (Four hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and eighty-five Dollars, Hongkong Currency) for the land and buildings of the Vendor Company which are more particularly set forth in the Schedule hereto.
(d) The value of the stores of the Vendor Company which at the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five are in the possession of the Vendor Company in the Colony of Hongkong or are in transit to the Vendor Company there or for the purchase of which the Vendor Company has entered into binding contracts.

(4) The said consideration shall be satisfied (as to the sum of One million four hundred Dollars part thereof) by the allotment and issue to the Vendor Company of One hundred and forty thousand shares of Ten Dollars each in the Hongkong Company credited as fully paid up ranking for dividend as from the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (thereof) by payment in cash in Hongkong Currency in Hongkong by the Hongkong Company to the Vendor Company.

(5) The net profits of the Company after providing as aforesaid are to be used firstly in payment to the Government of a royalty of Four Dollars in respect of each direct exchange line Telephone which has been used and paid for during the whole previous Twelve months by a Telephone Subscriber or One Dollar per direct exchange line Telephone for each period of Three months or less.

The said net profits are secondly to be applied in payment to the shareholders of the Hongkong Company of the minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum rising to Twelve per cent. per annum.

If the net profits be such that a larger dividend than Twelve per cent. per annum can be paid then as to the difference between Twelve per cent. and Eighteen per cent. half thereof is to be paid by way of increase of dividends to the shareholders of the Company, and the remaining half of such difference is to be set aside for the benefit of subscribers by way of reduction of the subscription rates authorised as above mentioned. The dividend payable to shareholders is limited to a maximum of Fifteen per cent. per annum.

Any further net profits (i.e., net profits in excess of Eighteen per cent. per annum) are to be applied solely for the reduction of subscription rates.

Full particulars in respect of the above appear in The Telephone Ordinance 1925.

(6) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment in Seven shares.

(7) The shares now offered for subscription have not been underwritten.

(8) No commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(9) The Company is to pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and flotation of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business and also the legal costs and expenses of and incidental to the negotiations which have taken place for acquiring the aforesaid undertaking and the negotiations with the Hongkong Government arising thereout and the obtaining of the aforesaid Ordinance, such legal costs and expenses to be incurred during the year 1925, and the estimated amount thereof is \$20,000.

(10) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$2,000 per annum.

(11) The Directors were interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of one or more companies with whom the Company may do business.

(12) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the Purchase Agreement and of The Telephone Ordinance No. 9 of 1925 can be inspected at the office of Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

(13) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(14) Application for shares should be made upon the form accompanying the Prospectus and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$3.50 per share, being as to \$2.50 thereof one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to the remaining \$1.00 the premium thereon. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(15) Prospectuses can be inspected at the office of Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

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"MORRA"	10,811	10th Dec.	Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	9,006	10th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	10th Dec.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	8,114	10th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"DELTA"	8,097	10th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"KARWALA"	9,989	10th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"MANTUA"	10,991	10th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	do.
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	10th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	8,618	10th Dec.	Kobe
"KHYBER"	8,114	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,812	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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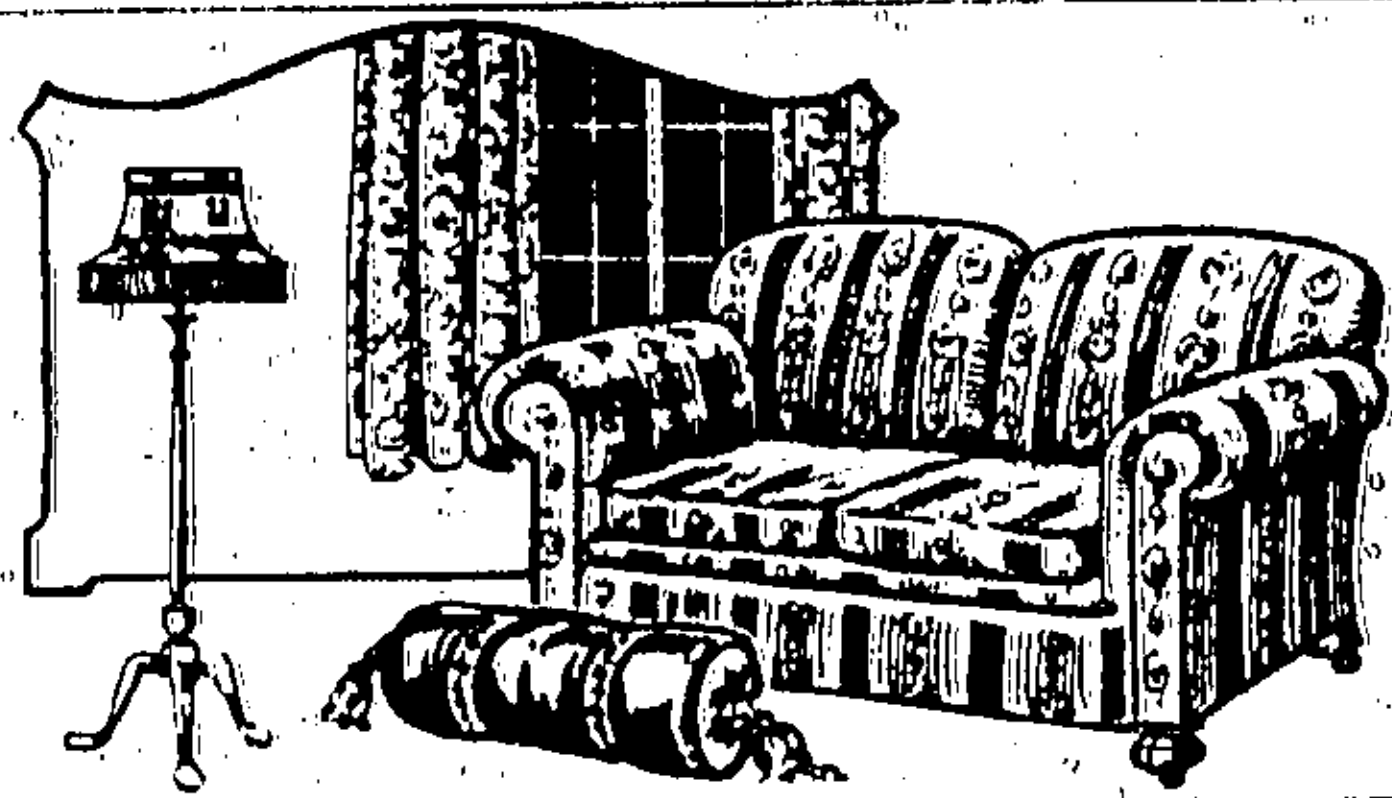
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A CRYING NEED.

Disasters occasioning loss of life seldom occur without expression being given to the views of those who always hold the system at fault, no matter what its operation or lack of operation may have been in the particular circumstances. Grounds for his protest, however, were advanced by the correspondent who sees in the lack of official supervision over fire protection precautions in Hongkong, inevitable recurrence of such tragic occurrences as that at Wanchai last week. This lack of power of supervision, applies only in the case of houses with floors less than forty feet above ground level, for in the case of higher storeys the Ordinances empower the building authority to enforce requirements, and this he does in conjunction with the fire department, alternative methods of exit to the stairs having to be provided. In the case of storeys under forty feet, inmates unfortunately enough to be trapped in a fire with descent by means of the stairs rendered impossible are considered to have enough chances of escape by means of rope or ladder if such are available, or to be in a position to jump without serious injury being sustained. Such a house was that in Wanchai where the fire occurred last week, for although three storeys high it was within the 40 feet below which neither the building authority nor the fire department have power to enforce precautions. The result was that three people lost their lives there through alternative measures of escape to the stairs not being available. The actual enforcing of alternative methods of exit to the stairs in the case of new buildings would be easy in view of the fact that there are already inspectors for each district whose duty it is to report on the erection of new buildings, but the difficulties pointed out by the Attorney-General are very real in the matter of rendering houses safe for the inmates in the case of fire without affording means of entry to the midnight prowler. The Hon. Mr. Kemp's suggestion, therefore, with regard to the provision of fire escapes certainly seems more practicable than enforcing the installation of outside steel ladders in every house, and it should be possible to arrange for depots for these without very great expense being incurred. In the case of the fire at Wanchai, in spite of a smart turn out, delay was experienced on account of

difficulty in getting to a spot where the brigade could effectively operate. If an escape had been easily available the loss of life might have been prevented. In such areas as West Point and Wanchai, particularly, where in addition to the dangers of overcrowding one has wooden floors and houses choc a bloc with such inflammable material as rattan work, the chances of escape of those on the top floors are few when there is delay in affording means of escape. Our correspondent is but expressing the opinion of those who have the welfare of the community as a whole at heart when he declares that such a state of affairs as at present exists must be ended at the earliest possible moment.

USING MONEY.

Someone has said that the piling up of wealth is likely to be regarded by the generations to come as a sign of failure. The suggestion is in the nature of a paradox. There is abundant evidence of a desire in many directions to make the best possible use of money that has been acquired—the best possible use that is for humanity. Carnegie's millions were alleged to be "sweated" workmen. We do not profess to know the truth or otherwise of the assertion, but it is a fact that during his lifetime, this almost illiterate millionaire spent his money with a lavishness that does not accord with the libellous characteristics so glibly associated with the Scottish character. Some may question if the provision of church organs assisted humanity, but few will question the use made of some of Carnegie's money in the matter of building free public libraries. Cecil Rhodes is another of the examples of wealth left being devoted to objects not usually associated with the codicils and clauses of "the last will and testament" of the departed. The Rhodes Scholarships are not so widely known as they might be, nor the success of them also, for it is not possible to tabulate the work of goodwill and the results of young men of different nationalities intermingling and reaping benefits as the result of one man's foresight and generosity. The Rockefeller Foundation is yet another of the examples of acquired wealth being put to the service of humanity. The annual report of this Foundation is generally a wonderful document. The Foundation adopts John Wesley's maxim, and the world is its parish. Its latest effort is in the nature of research—scholarships between American and Australian universities. Details are to be worked out and we trust will reach successful issues. The suggestion seems to follow on the visit of the American fleet to Australian waters, to receive the welcome it did. There may be no connection, but simply a desire to help the thought of a growing continent and to prosper its handiwork. The proposed interchange of students will result in mutual understanding and respect. There should be a strengthening of the bonds of brotherhood between members of one nation and another about which we speak and write so glibly but do not do much to help. It is good that the stewardship of wealth should be recognised as it is in many quarters. Oliver Wendell Holmes we think it was who urged that trust should not be placed in money, but money in trust. It is satisfactory to be able to state that some of Hongkong's own sons have recognised this fact, and have not been unmindful of the opportunities which the Colony has provided them of acquiring wealth. It is an additional cause of satisfaction to emphasise the fact that it is not only members of the foreign community who have donated and subscribed. The Chinese community, once it has been convinced that an object was good, not merely in its immediate aspects, but in its future ones as well, has ever been to the fore in helping it to a very considerable extent. May it ever be so.

OFFICE BOY BOLTS.

JAPANESE FIRM LOSES \$2,000.

A Chinese office boy at the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., has absconded with a sum of \$2,000 belonging to the firm. Six cheques had been given to the boy by the accountant to obtain the signature of the assistant manager. He kept back one of these and booked after obtaining the money from the bank. The police are now looking for the culprit.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

The result of the EUGENISM experiment in Nebraska is more amusing than satisfactory—to the Eugenists. It appears that the clergy and the doctors and the uplifters generally in that State got busy, and passed a law which rendered it difficult to get married unless the parties passed a physical, morally and mental examination; then they sat down and waited for the race of supermen. Unfortunately, young couples still continued to get engaged without the consent of their spiritual pastors and masters; and rather than run the risk of being ploughed in the matrimonial tripos, they crossed the frontier and got married in the next State. The marriage rate fell in Nebraska, and the marriage fees too; but both rose in the neighbouring States, and not a single young couple that wanted to get married failed to do so. The clergy, troubled at once in their conscience and their pockets, relented; the doctors shook their heads, the uplifters found another cry—and the law is now repealed.

Merchant seamen are to ENCYS. be provided with more encyclopedias in order to help them settle their constant arguments. While the picture thus called up suggests many delightful possibilities, one cannot but realise that the sea may lose some of its glamour for many a prospective sailor, if having to pore over the pages of a ponderous encyclopedia becomes a necessary feature of his "education." A sailor is not usually thought of as especially particu-

lar as to what he argues about—nor, for that matter, generally as to the manner in which he argues about it. But from now on, presumably all of this will be changed. Encyclopedia volumes, however, should make excellent ballast. Maybe there is more reason in the proposed reform than appears on the surface.

(After the Chinese of Thou-Fou.)

Good little rain that
Spring knows so well
RAIN. When Spring hath need
of you;
All night long you softly fell
To help her young leaves thro'
Diligently, without a sound,
Moistening my garden ground!
Yestereve the labouring skies
Groaned with their heavy load;
The barge-lights, like a dragon
eyes,
On the darkened river glowed;
To-day the sky and earth appear
Bright and beautiful and
clear.

G. K. CHESTERTON.

Here lies Mr. Ches-
LAMPOONS terton,
who to heaven might
have gone
but didn't, when he heard the
news
that the place was run by Jews.
JOHN GALSWORTHY.
Ash to ash, to earth the earthy,
was not spoken of Galsworthy.
Like his books, the soul of John
goes marching on, and on, and
on.

DEAN INGE.

Hark! the herald angels sing
timidly because Dean Inge
has arrived, and seems to be
bored with immortality.

HARD RIDDLES IN CHINA'S TARIFF REFORM.

The centre of gravity in international affairs has shifted from London to Peking, writes the "Christian Science Monitor" of October 30. How completely the agreements reached in the Swiss city will be fulfilled, and how efficacious they will prove in operation, is a matter for the future to show, but all who know the situation are confident of large gains achieved. On the other hand, what agreements can be reached in China's capital and how far the best that there can be devised will better so bad a situation, is a matter for a future so near that it may be learned the present—and none closely conversant with the complications of the problem is strongly hopeful. That the conference meets so tardily is—split milk. That its agenda indicates an honest effort to go to the very bottom of the trouble, in an earnest endeavour thoroughly to rectify it, is a main ground for confidence. But, since to overcome an evil one must recognise clearly what it assumes to be, it should be added that, studied from whatever point of view, this Maritime Customs tangle holds little to encourage the observer, albeit temperamental optimism.

It is, of course, obvious that for a great state—great assuredly whether in historic associations or mere size or potential wealth or actual influence in the Orient—to be denied the right to raise its revenues as will and spend those moneys as its constituted authorities determine is to be shorn of administrative integrity, is to be "sovereign" only in empty name. None may deny this theory. But what is the proper way to formulate the case when there are no genuinely "constituted authorities?" China demands tariff autonomy. That she has abstract right to no less is incontrovertible, but, in present practice, to alter the treaties so that she may draft a new import schedule as she wishes and then expend that income as she prefers will not in the least enrich her. As the political stage now is set, such action will enrich whatever Tuchen happens to control the "futility which masquerades as today's central 'Government'."

It is held the conference should authorize two things. First, import dues should be raised so much above the existing illegal 5 per cent as to mean an annual increase in national receipts of something like twenty million sterling. Secondly, the collecting and disbursing of this greater sum must be left in the hands of that for sign-planned and manned force, which now administers the customs with marked efficiency and unquestioned honesty. Sir John Jordan, knowing the Chinese in 1925 will witness the setting up of a new tariff, will give of a million of the estimable value to his considered opinion that to all the Far East.

No intelligent person in China believes that reform in financial administration is going to come from within. Some kind of international foreign control there is necessarily not only from the financial angle; it is as well a political, industrial, even moral, necessity. If this be fact (and no Westerner spoke to this text more surely ex cathedra than Sir John), and, if the conference were to attempt to solve the riddle along some such line, would clamouring China accept? Would she take a wise loan to-day that she might enjoy a safe whole one to-morrow? Or (rather) would not the student-led and Kuomintang-supported "Party of Liberation" renew its dangerous preaching and destructive parading?—with the menace growing of the violence of the coastal provinces spreading into the vast interior, even to other restless parts of the uneasy Orient.

Two further queries fairly propound themselves in this perplexing consideration. China has been pining up unsecured foreign indebtedness and defaulting all but habitually on such loans (as, also, on payments for railway and other material); will there not be demands from these creditors that additional revenues be earmarked for their overdue charges? Again: If an arrangement is reached mutually acceptable to Peking and the powers, how can the provinces be brought to endorse it? And if they refuse approval what next step is to be taken by Peking?—and the powers! Finally, let it be realised that the conference sits in a capital hostile to it: the debate is held in an atmosphere avowedly anti-foreign.

These are chief of the great and many difficulties to be faced, but it is unthinkable that even they cannot be met and mastered. Nothing has occurred to indicate that the eight "legation" (American and Belgian, British, Dutch, French, Italian, Japanese and Portuguese) have come to their labours with any desire, other than, to do the right thing by China. Subject to the adequate protection of foreign life and property in the mighty Asian republic, they appear to favour any measure which will bring home to the Chinese a conviction that the Occident now aims at nothing but frank dealing and just conclusion. No sane statesman the world around but heartily echoes Mr. Chamberlain's phrase: "Our only wish is for a strong, united, independent, orderly, prosperous China." Yet the wisest of these statesmen must feel uncertain as to exactly how a consummation so devoutly to be wished may best be attained. To the with marked efficiency and unquestioned honesty. Sir John Jordan, knowing the Chinese in 1925 will witness the setting up of a new tariff, will give of a million of the estimable value to his considered opinion that to all the Far East.

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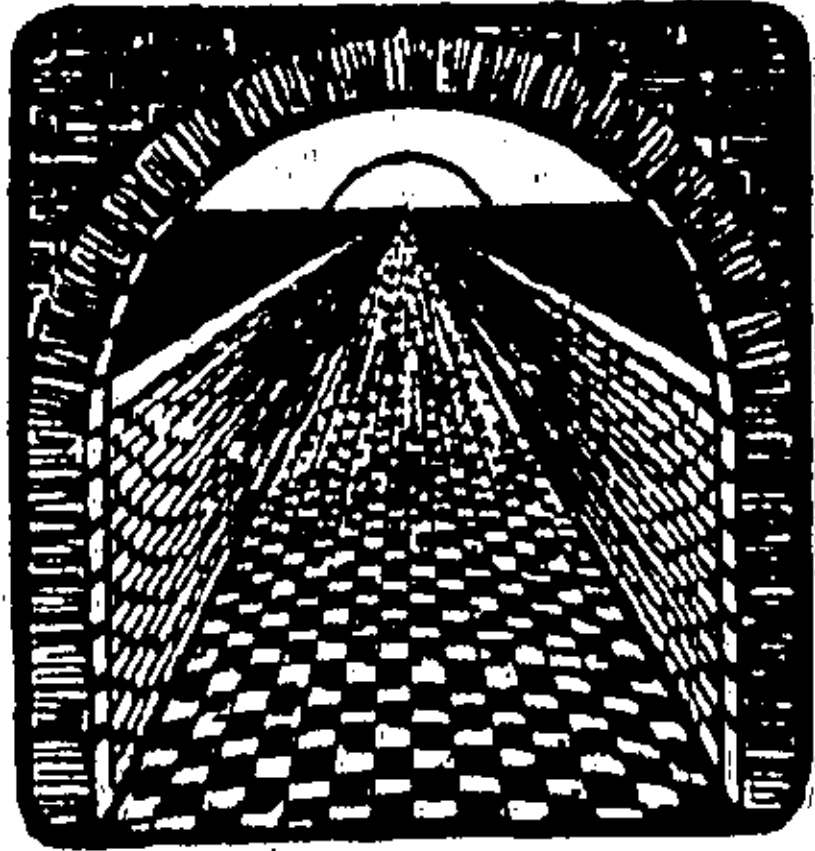
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People and Events in the News of the World



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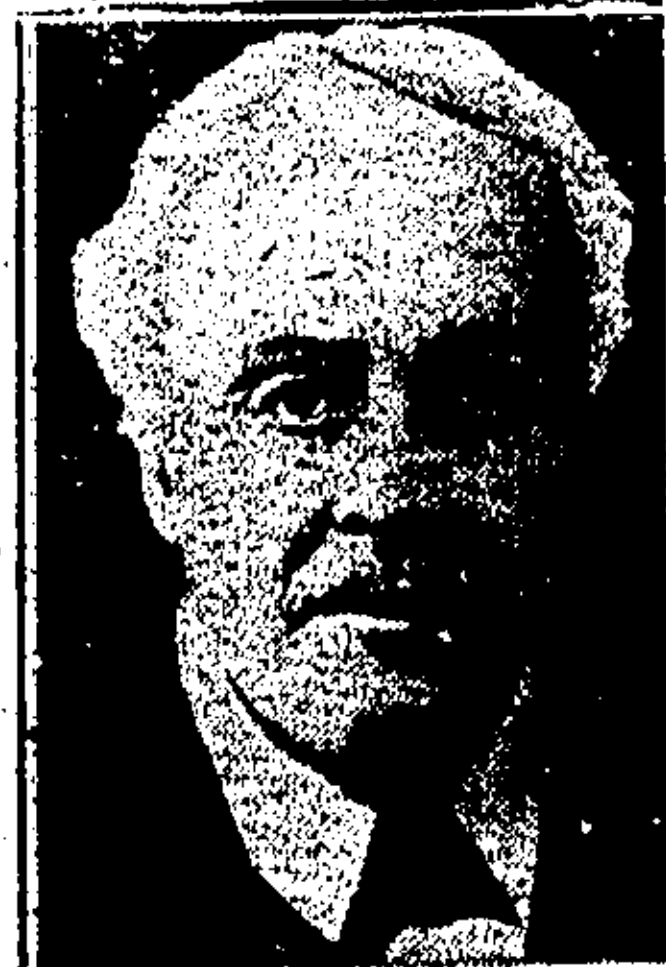
Boston's elite turned out en masse when Lady Diana Manners, the English beauty, visited the city to appear on the stage.



In the Alviso marshes, this railbird was found with both feet held fast by mussels, its mortal enemy. A hole pecked through the shell of one of the bivalves told of its desperate struggle to free itself.



The marriage of Miss Mabel Gerry and Francis S. E. Drury was witnessed by the most exclusive members of society, over which the bride's mother ruled for years. The bride is a great-granddaughter of Elbridge Gerry.



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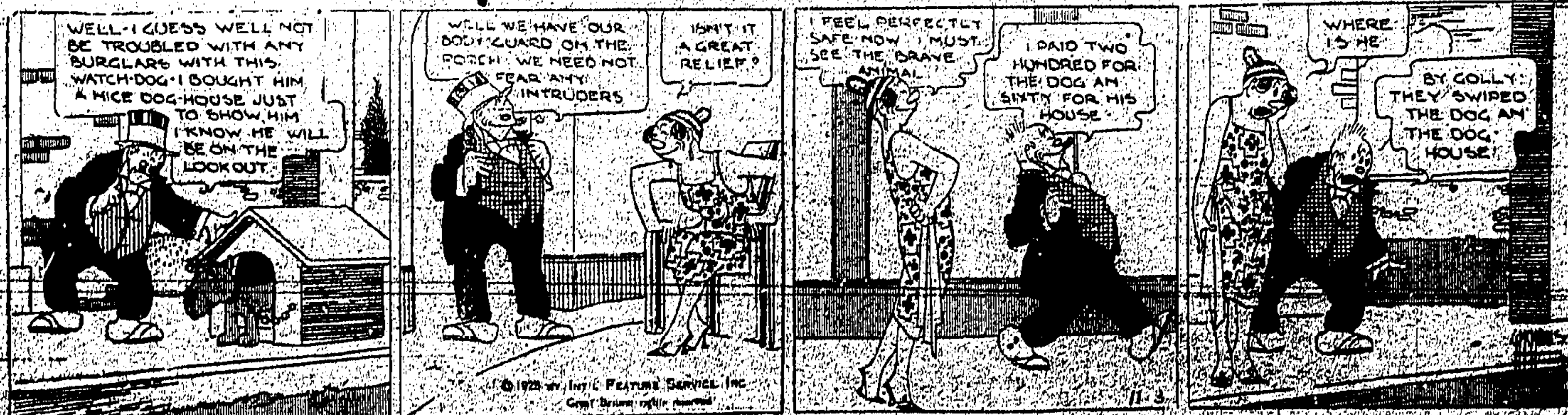
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ODDS AND ENDS

A New Arrival.

Lady Colquhoun's little daughter, whose father is a distinguished soldier, and chief of a famous Scottish clan, will have many an ancient tradition to live up to, and is therefore a very important baby (says the London "Evening News.") Lady Colquhoun, who is always called by her quaint third name of "Dinah," by her friends, is the wife of Major Sir Ian Colquhoun, D.S.O., a Scottish baronet of a famous family. Sir Ian has several estates in Dumfriesshire and Argyllshire, and is a good all-round sportsman. One of the trio of pretty sisters, Lady Colquhoun, was formerly Miss Geraldine Tennant.

What Matters?

"The most important things of all. They're things you don't suspect. Anne. First there's freedom. Freedom, which you would call selfishness. Freedom to disregard others in one's own search for happiness. Liberty of the soul. There's passion—all the emotional energy that this world of safety-mongers is blanketing. There's adventure. There's renown. There are poetry and danger and splendour. There's despair. There's real love and real hatred. Anguish and horror and exultation. There are very different things from the creeping timidity of the herd."

"Have all those things got anything to do with beauty, Mortimer?" asked Anne. He stared imperiously at her. "Everything," he answered. "Ah," said Dad, drinking his tea. "Hm." He took a peep at Mum, and another at the ceiling. The Elder Sister.—Frank Swinnerton (Hutchinson.)

A Trip to the Moon.

The pioneers who would venture on the first trip to the moon would have to be endowed with a rare courage and spirit of adventure. Life on the moon is quite impossible to a human being on account of the absence of air, water, and vegetation, and the extreme variation of temperature on our satellite. The only feasible plan would, therefore, be to travel round it and back to earth, getting as near the moon's surface as possible, so as to have a good look at it. The time taken by this trip would depend upon the speed attainable, and that again would depend upon the rate of acceleration which the organism can stand. Everyone knows the discomfort momentarily experienced in a lift starting upwards or downwards. If the gain of speed upwards is to be 32 feet per second for every second of the journey, this would mean that the weight of the body

would be practically doubled so long as the weight was increasing. What would be the experience of a man carried in a rocket fired upwards with such acceleration? He would feel as if a weight equal to his own were piled on top of him. He would find it difficult to stand up, and would have to lie down to stand the strain for any length of time. The strain would, however, lessen, as the backward pull of the earth became feeble.—Dr. E. E. Fournier D'Albe in the "Sunday at Home."

A Jasmine Bush.

No matter how small a garden, it may have—perhaps it should try to have—some distinctive gift for those who pass. There is just one house up our lane that has over the door a Jasmine bush. In early spring, when flowers are exceedingly rare and before the season is well aired, that yellow starved bush gives that house real distinction. Its dull walls are resplendent with hope. They seem to call out "Cheer-o!" as you pass. The duldest winter day seems brighter, because of the sun-coloured Jasmine flower. The lovely Jasmine, like so many of our flowering bushes, hails from the Far East. It came originally from China, and has something of the hardness of the Chinese character. While it loves a sunny wall and has what it loves in our neighbour's garden, it will flower amid the smoke of a city, or in the more precious where harkings are so few. The blossoms are the more conspicuous because, greatly daring, they come out before the leaves. In an old gardening book—"The Scot's Gardener," written by one John Reid two hundred years ago—there is mention of a homely and beautiful custom. Writing of the Kitchen garden, he says:—"Measure first off six foot on each side of the gates or doors for honeysuckles, Jasmines, &c." The garden's exits and entrances were thus to be made fragrant and beautiful. Wherever possible doors should have about them some such kindly welcome. They should smile rather than frown. Our own door is framed in crimson rambler and at the side there is an old-fashioned Gloire rose. Our next-door neighbour has honeysuckle and crimson rambler about it. But long before these break into welcoming speech, that Jasmine-covered entrance, higher up the lane speaks out: welcome and manifold hope. Like the mountains and the hills of the old prophecy that door breaks forth into singing in the year's first month.—Frank Garth in the "Woman's Magazine."

The Problem Woman.

She is emotionally keyed to the same stress as the novelist, musician, poet, or painter. But she has no vehicle for conveying her impressions in art form. She is swept by the surge of feeling as a tree is swept by the wind. For ever she strives to awaken the voice of her soul—for ever it is dumb. She is thrown back on the consumption of her own fancies, thus generating a tragic, purposeless intensity.—Mrs. Cecil Chesterton in "T.E.'s and Cassell's Weekly."

Dickens's London.

London of that time differed a good deal from the London of to-day; it was still more unlike the town in which Dickens lived when writing his earlier books; but the localities which he made familiar to his readers were, on the whole, those which had undergone least change. If Jacob's Island and Folly Ditch could no longer be seen, the river side showed many a spot sufficiently akin to them, and was everywhere suggestive of Dickens; I had but to look, at night, over one of the City bridges, and the broad flood spoke to me in the very tones of the master. The City itself, Clerkenwell, Gray's-Inn Road, the Inns of Court—these places remained much as of old. To this day, they would bear for me something of that old association; but four and twenty years ago, when I had no London memories of my own, they were simply the scenes of Dickens's novels, with all remoter history enriching their effect in the great writer's page. The very atmosphere declared him; if I gasped in a fog, was it not Mr. Guppy's "London particular"? if the wind pierced me under a black sky, did I not see Scrooge's clerk trotting off to his Christmas Eve in Somers Town? We bookish people have one consolation for the life we do not live. In time I came to see London with my own eyes, but how much better when I saw it with those of Dickens!—"The Immortal Dickens," by George Gissing (Cecil Palmer.)

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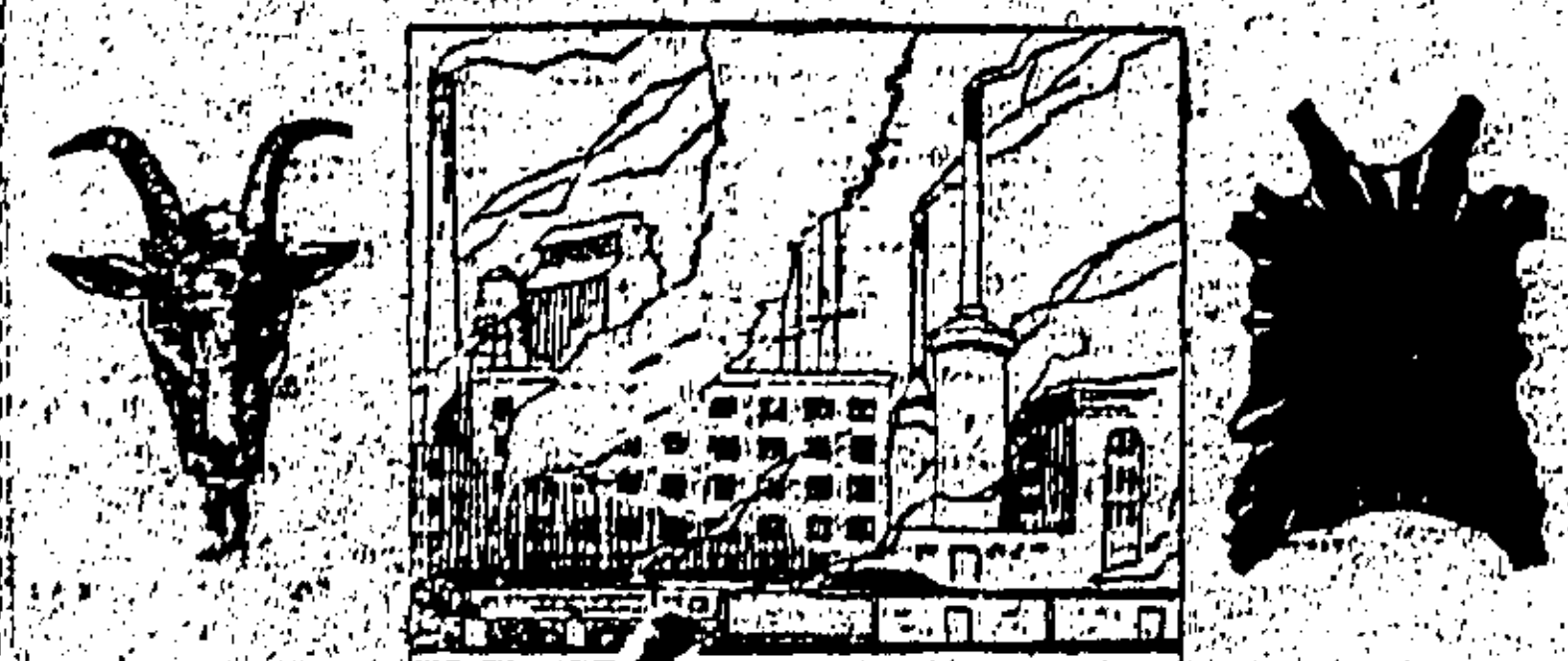
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